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Mr. Harry E. Gregori, Jr., AICP, Director  
Division of Pollution Prevention & Compliance Assistance  
Department of Environmental Quality  
629 East Main Street  
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Subject: Annual Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP) Report

Dear Mr. Gregori:

On March 25, 2002 the Nestlé USA – Prepared Foods Division (Nestlé) facility in Danville, VA was accepted as an Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E<sup>3</sup>) in the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP). It is our understanding that as an E<sup>3</sup> participant we are required to submit an annual report to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Enclosed you will find the 2002 annual report for our facility. Note that we have minimized the amount of information in this report since we have only recently been accepted into the program and most of our programs have not changed since we submitted our application and supporting documents in 2002.

It is also our understanding that as an E<sup>3</sup> participant, Nestlé is entitled to the following benefits: public recognition; environmental mentors; information on financial incentives; single point-of-contact within the DEQ; DEQ technical information; and a forum to discuss potential regulatory flexibility options with DEQ staff. Mr. Phil Watson, Facility Maintenance Team Leader, will be in contact with representatives from your department to discuss ways in which we can take advantage of these benefits.

If you have any questions or need further information you may call me at 804/822-4000 or Phil Watson at 434/822-4534.

Sincerely,

Donald P. Nodtvedt  
Plant Manager

**Attachment 1**  
**2002 Annual Report**

**NESTLÉ USA – PREPARED FOODS DIVISION  
DANVILLE, VA**

**VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM (VEEP)  
2002 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Danville facility has been an ISO-14001 self-certified facility since February 5, 1998. We believe that our Nestlé Environmental Management System (NEMS) meets the requirements of the Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E<sup>3</sup>) level and have strove to complete these requirements in 2002. The following items summarize key 2002 NEMS Objectives.

◆ *Reduction of Total Waste Generated*

Our facility reduced the total amount of waste generated in-plant by 207 metric tons (6%) when compared with the previous years total despite increasing our production volume by 24%. These reductions were achieved through source reduction efforts such as the implementation of a dough recovery project that reduced the amount of food waste generated by 113 metric tons. This food waste would otherwise have been disposed of in a landfill or sent to our local POTW.

◆ *Reduction of Waste to the Landfill*

Our facility reduced the total amount of waste landfilled by 229 metric tons (24%) when compared with the previous years total despite increasing our production volume by 24%. These reductions were achieved through source reduction efforts and increased recycling programs.

◆ *Reduction of Energy Usage*

The Danville facility reduced energy usage rates by 17% when compared with the previous year's energy usage rates which resulted in a corresponding decrease in air emissions rates. The reduced energy usage rates resulted primarily from source reduction activities.

◆ *Accurate Reporting and Record Keeping.*

Our formal system for maintaining environmental management system records has been established in our ISO manual, section # 4.4.5. This system includes the use of an Environmental, Health & Safety reporting calendar which was used to track our 2002 NEMS activities.

◆ *Continued ISO-14001 self Certification*

As an ISO-14001 self-certified facility, Nestlé USA is required to conduct formal internal surveillance audits of the EMS and the facility. The audit is conducted by the Nestlé USA Director of Environmental Operations. An audit report is generated which includes any non-conformances together with a timetable for correction. The internal audit procedure is described in the ISO manual, section # 4.5.4, Environmental Management System Audit. The most recent audit was conducted on August 22, 2002. The two issues identified during this audit have been addressed.